



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, May 28, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Commerce and the Economy met this day at 10:32 a.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Clément Gignac, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Fridhandler, Gignac, Henkel, Loffreda, Martin, McBean, Ringuette, Wallin and Yussuff (10).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senators Papatello and Youance (2).

Participating in the meeting: Adriane Yong and Brett Howard, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, May 7, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of Bill C-20, An Act respecting the establishment of Build Canada Homes.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Home Builders' Association:

Kevin Lee, Chief Executive Officer.

Canada's Building Trades Unions:

Sean Strickland, Executive Director.

CSA Group:

Nevena Dragicevic, Senior Manager, Public Policy (*by videoconference*);

Dwayne Torrey, Director, Construction and Infrastructure Standards (*by videoconference*).

Missing Middle Initiative:

Mike Moffatt, Founding Director (*by videoconference*).

The Canadian Real Estate Association:

Garry Bhaura, Chair;

Janice Myers, Chief Executive Officer.

As an individual:

Jeffrey Rankin, Professor and Research Chair, Civil Engineering, and Executive Director, Off-site Construction Research Centre, University of New Brunswick (*by videoconference*).

Kevin Lee and Jeffrey Rankin each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:18 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:20 a.m., the committee resumed.

Sean Strickland, Nevena Dragicevic and Dwayne Torrey each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:01 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:06 p.m., the committee resumed.

Mike Moffatt, Garry Bhaura and Janice Myers each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:54 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft report.

At 1:15 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Matthieu Boulianne

Clerk of the Committee